

“(A) AVAILABLE INFORMATION.—The Corporation”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) USE OF ELECTRONIC METHODS.—The Corporation shall make the information described in subparagraph (A) available electronically to producers and approved insurance providers. To the maximum extent practicable, the Corporation shall also allow producers and approved insurance providers to use electronic methods to submit information required by the Corporation.”.

SEC. 308. FEES FOR USE OF NEW POLICIES AND PLANS OF INSURANCE.

Section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(h)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(11) FEES FOR NEW POLICIES AND PLANS OF INSURANCE.—

“(A) AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE FEE.—Effective beginning with fiscal year 2001, if a person develops a new policy or plan of insurance and does not apply for reimbursement of research, development, and maintenance costs under paragraph (6), the person shall have the right to receive a fee from any approved insurance provider that elects to sell the new policy or plan of insurance. Notwithstanding paragraph (5), once the right to collect a fee is asserted with respect to a new policy or plan of insurance, no approved insurance provider may offer the new policy or plan of insurance in the absence of a fee agreement with the person who developed the policy or plan.

“(B) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this paragraph only, the term ‘new policy or plan of insurance’ means a policy or plan of insurance that was approved by the Board on or after October 1, 2000, and was not available at the time the policy or plan of insurance was approved by the Board.

“(C) AMOUNT.—The amount of the fee that is payable by an approved insurance provider to offer a new policy or a plan of insurance under subparagraph (A) shall be an amount that is determined by the person that developed the new policy or plan of insurance, subject to the approval of the Board under subparagraph (D).

“(D) APPROVAL.—The Board shall approve the amount of a fee determined under subparagraph (C) for a new policy or plan of insurance unless the Board can demonstrate that the fee amount—

“(i) is unreasonable in relation to the research and development costs associated with the new policy or plan of insurance; and

“(ii) unnecessarily inhibits the use of the new policy or plan of insurance.”.

SEC. 309. CLARIFICATION OF PRODUCER REQUIREMENT TO FOLLOW GOOD FARMING PRACTICES.

Section 508(a)(3)(C) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(a)(3)(C)) is amended by inserting after “good farming practices” the following: “, including scientifically sound sustainable and organic farming practices”.

SEC. 310. REIMBURSEMENTS AND RENEGOTIATION OF STANDARD REINSURANCE AGREEMENT.

(a) REIMBURSEMENT RATE CHANGES.—

(1) CAT LOSS ADJUSTMENT.—Section 508(b)(11) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(b)(11)) is amended by striking “11 percent” and inserting “8 percent”.

(2) REIMBURSEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS.—Section 508(k)(4)(A)(ii) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(k)(4)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking “24.5 percent” and inserting “24 percent”.

(3) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply with respect to the 2001 and subsequent reinsurance years.

(b) RENEGOTIATION.—Effective for the 2002 reinsurance year, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation may renegotiate the Standard Reinsurance Agreement.

TITLE IV—EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

SEC. 401. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as provided in sections 301(b) and 305(d), this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act. The actual implementation by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation of an amendment made by this Act shall depend on the terms of the amendment or, in the absence of an express implementation date in the amendment, the special rules specified in section 402.

SEC. 402. SPECIAL RULES REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS.

(a) IMPLEMENTATION FOR 2000 CROP YEAR.—The amendments made by the following sections of this Act shall apply beginning with the 2000 crop year:

(1) Section 104, relating to review and adjustment in rating methodologies.

(2) Section 106, relating to cost of production as a price election.

(3) Section 107, relating to premium discounts for good performance.

(4) Section 202, relating to improving program compliance and integrity.

(5) Section 203, relating to sanctions for false information.

(6) Section 204, relating to protection of confidential information.

(7) Section 205, relating to records and reporting.

(8) Section 206, relating to compliance with State licensing requirements.

(9) Section 309, relating to requirement to follow good farming practices.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000.—The amendments made by the following sections of this Act shall apply beginning with fiscal year 2000:

(1) Section 105(a), relating to repeal of obsolete pilot programs.

(2) Subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 305, relating to Board consideration of submitted policies and materials.

(3) Section 306, relating to contracting for rating plans of insurance.

(4) Section 307, relating to electronic availability of crop insurance information.

(c) IMPLEMENTATION FOR 2001 CROP YEAR.—The amendments made by the following sections of this Act shall apply beginning with the 2001 crop year:

(1) Section 101, relating to premium schedule for additional coverage.

(2) Section 102, relating to premium schedule for other plans of insurance.

(3) Section 103(b), relating to adjustment in production history to reflect pest control.

(4) Section 109, relating to authority for nonprofit associations to pay fees on behalf of producers.

(5) Section 110, relating to elections regarding prevented planting coverage.

(6) Section 111, relating to limitations under noninsured crop disaster assistance program.

(7) Section 201, relating to limitation on double insurance.

(d) IMPLEMENTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001.—The amendments made by the following sections of this Act shall apply beginning with fiscal year 2001:

(1) Section 105(b), relating to general requirements applicable to pilot programs.

(2) Section 304, relating to funding for reimbursement and research and development.

SEC. 403. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) and section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of

1996 (7 U.S.C. 7333), as in effect on day before the date of the enactment of this Act, shall continue to apply with respect to the 1999 crop year and shall apply with respect to the 2000 crop year, to the extent the application of an amendment made by this Act is delayed under section 402 or by the terms of the amendment.

SEC. 404. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the Sense of the Congress that the Department of Agriculture should ensure the full participation of minority and limited-resource farmers and ranchers in the programs operating under the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended by the Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 1999.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶104.10 CLERK TO CORRECT ENGROSSMENT

On motion of Mr. COMBEST, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That in the engrossment of the foregoing bill the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, citations, and cross references and to make such technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

¶104.11 RECESS—3:42 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. COOKSEY, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 3 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

¶104.12 AFTER RECESS—4:43 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SESSIONS, called the House to order.

¶104.13 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2910

Mrs. MYRICK, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 106-347) the resolution (H. Res. 312) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2910) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶104.14 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2436

Mrs. MYRICK, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 106-348) the resolution (H. Res. 313) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2436) to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.